PRESENT:—*cont.*

Srinivasan, Rao Bahadur R.
Sriramulu, Mr. G.
Subbarayan, Dr. P.
Subrahmanya Bhatt, Mr. U. C.
Subrahmanyam Chetti, Rao Sahib P.
Sundara Rao Nayudu, Mr. T.
Syed Tajudin Sahib Bahadur, Khan Sahib.
Thomas, Mr. Daniel.
Vasudeva Pillai, Mr. V. G.
Vedachala Mudaliyar, Mr. M.
Venkataramayya, Rao Sahib B.
Waddington, Mr. H.
Watson, I.C.S., Mr. H. A.
Yahya Ali Sahib Bahadur, Khan Bahadur.
Yakub Hassan Sahib Bahadur.
Zamindar of Chemudu.
Zamindar of Ettayapuram.

I.—SWEARING IN OF A MEMBER.

Mr. F. G. Luker made the oath of allegiance to the Crown and then took his seat.

II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Police

Alleged lathi charge at Udipi on 26th January 1931.

*625 Q.—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that there was a lathi charge on or about the 26th January 1931 in Udipi;

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative what are the circumstances leading up to the said lathi charge;

(*c*) what is the number of people wounded and what is the nature of the wounds inflicted on the persons during the said lathi charge;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that a Muhammadan youth received severe injuries as a consequence of the said lathi charge and is in a precarious condition; if so, in what condition he is, and what is the nature of his wounds and his age;

(*e*) what action the Government propose to take in the matter; and

(*f*) if the Government have no information, whether they will be pleased to call for the same?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) On the evening of the 26th January 1931 a procession of about 100 satyagrahis started from Kalsanka and marched towards the temple square singing so-called national slogans and crying 'Gandhi-ki-Jai'. The procession was held up at Badagapett by the Sub-Inspector of Police as it was in defiance of an order under section 144, Criminal Procedure Code, in force in Udipi. The Inspector of Police, Udipi Circle, who had by then arrived on the spot warned the processionists in Kanarese that they constituted an unlawful assembly as they were taking out a procession in violation of the order under section 144, Criminal Procedure Code, and ordered them to disperse. The processionists did not disperse. The Inspector thereupon arrested nine persons who were the leaders and put them in a car. The other processionists then surrounded the car and would not allow it to proceed. The